

BCC NEWS

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A NEW PRESIDENT FOR BCC

In May, the SUNY Board of Trustees unanimously approved him, and, since July 1, Laurence D. Spraggs

Spraggs has been BCC's new President. Dr. Spraggs has already announced his plans for the theme of his presidency: taking the College from "success to significance," and creating an environment in which every decision is made with students in mind.

Since 2001, Dr. Spraggs has been president at Brevard's Titusville campus in Florida. From 1996 to 2001, he served as Vice President of Instruction and from 1992 to 1996 he was the Dean of Instruction for Mathematics, Natural and Environmental Sciences at Red Rocks Community College in Colorado. In these roles, he provided direct leadership to approximately 100 full-time faculty and staff as well as 200 part-time instructors at three campuses and two program sites serving over 8,000 students. He was also Director of Continuing Education at SUNY's North Country Community College from 1986 to 1992.

At Brevard Community College, Dr. Spraggs said, he created an environment – including a lounge space – where students chose to stay on campus after classes. "Students get more out of their school experience if they can stay to discuss classes and current events," he said.

He's heartened that BCC has an attractive campus, a variety of sports and activities, and space where students can gather.

For more than 30 years, Dr. Spraggs has dedicated his



Laurence D. Spraggs

talents to community college instruction and leadership. Chairman of the BCC Trustees Alex DePersis said that "Dr. Spraggs brings to the college significant teaching and administrative experience that will contribute to a distinguished tenure as president and community leader."

Dr. Spraggs began his career as a biology instructor, expanding his work to include environmental work with the Youth Conservation Corps and innovative work as coordinator of extension courses in computers and science methods. As a community college faculty member, he taught biology, natural history, and solar energy courses, among others.

At North Country Community College, Dr. Spraggs significantly advanced continuing education. While overseeing business and industry training, summer programming, grant development, and community outreach, he more than doubled both enrollment and revenues, and formed articulation agreements with local educational interests.

After earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees in biology from Wayne State University, he completed

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BCC'S VIRTUAL CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Students of residential college campuses may take for granted the many benefits of dorm life like the ability to yell across the hall for tomorrow's assignments, or to hook up with friends to attend after-hours club meetings. On a commuter campus such as BCC, these basic benefits of campus life have not been readily accessible – until now.

BCC Today is the College's new student web portal. It's a virtual – online – gathering place for students. The customized system allows students to quickly access information, while communicating with fellow students and professors.

A web portal or gateway is a website that is created to be a launching point for users when they go online. In this same way, *BCC Today* was created to be a starting point for all BCC students.

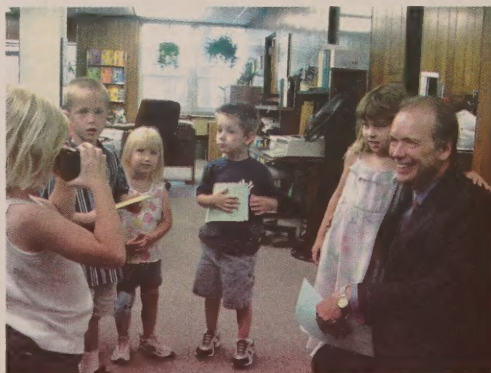
Inside *BCC Today*, students can select from a series of "tabs" providing access to the following areas:

- **My Pipeline** - Students see personalized announcements and important campus news, as well as today's top headlines.
- **My Courses** - Through this area, students can access course homepages where they interact with professors and classmates via chat and message boards.
- **Student Services** - Here, students can review course schedules, register for classes, check grades, request transcripts, receive online tutoring, change their name and address info, and learn about other important services offered by the campus.
- **Email** - Students can log in here to collect their BCC email. They can also enter their other email addresses (Such as Hotmail and Yahoo accounts) and collect them all in one place.

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Lauren Akulis takes a picture as children from the BCC Childcare Center welcome Dr. Spraggs on his first day. Also pictured, left to right are: Kyle Norton, Alexis Akulis, John Scignano, Ashley Weaver.

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Broome Community College

ELLIOTT REITZ: BIOLOGY PROFESSOR AND ADVENTURER

Elliott Reitz has been a professor of biology at BCC since 1973. He has taught more than 9000 students, including his own son and daughter, now both BCC graduates. A steadfast promoter of the College, Reitz has had many adventures and successes over the decades, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Raised two hours north of Pittsburg in DuBois PA, Reitz was involved in a variety of activities in his teens. "I was very active in music. I played trumpet in popular local polka bands. We'd sleep all day and play out all night," Reitz said. "My family was glad to see me go to college and leave that lifestyle behind."

Other hobbies also caused his parents some concern. "I used to explore caves in Virginia and Pennsylvania. It drove my parents crazy," he said. "In 1959 we went to Cuba to explore caves. While we were there, Castro took over. They lined us up as if they were going to shoot us, and then arrested us as revolutionary fighters. President Kennedy forced them to release us and we were deported. I'm still not allowed to return to Cuba. That was the end of my caving days."

After receiving a Master's in Botany from Ohio University in 1964, Reitz began as a biology instructor at Slippery Rock University and Clarion University before starting part-time at BCC in 1969. He also taught part-time at SUNY Binghamton while working on his PhD.

Decades later, Reitz enjoys teaching more than ever. His classes are always the first to fill, and are the largest on campus. "I really love my job. It's like getting paid for your favorite hobby," Reitz said. "The people I've worked with here, and the administrators, have all been top-notch. They were always there for you when you needed them. Here, there weren't as many people having constant turf wars and trying to climb the corporate ladder. And, most important, I've been blessed with great students. In the early years, I

taught at other colleges. But, I found that I really liked the students at Broome. They were the most down-to-earth. They appreciated what you had to teach them. This is why I've never taken a sabbatical. I didn't want someone to see how good I had it, and try to take my place!"

Reitz was nominated for the SUNY Chancellor's Award in 1980 and 1986; he was finally granted the award in 1990. He also has appeared four times in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* (less than 1% of American professors have ever appeared



"It really does all begin here – this is where it started for a lot of very good people."

a second time, let alone a third or fourth).

He has seen a number of changes in his students over the years. "There have been big shifts in the average age of my nursing students," Reitz explains. "The average student used to be in their mid-30s. Now, many are barely 20. But the maturity level has gone up. I would say today's students are more sophisticated, though other professors may have a different experience. They are nicer and nicer each year in terms of politeness, and their abilities are stronger as well."

Although for years, Reitz has been instrumental in

preparing BCC's nursing students for the biology portion of their RN licensing exams, his efforts have had a much broader reach. With the help of his wife Judy, also a BCC instructor, Reitz has served as the College's defacto ambassador to the world. He has developed and launched international biology courses, conducting courses abroad in Australia, Ecuador, Africa and the Virgin Islands. Flags promoting BCC International Studies – designed by Reitz himself – have flown over the Great Barrier Reef, the Australian outback, the Serengeti Plain, and the Amazon River.

He has taken more than 350 students on these trips. "I teach classes with the longest field trips in the world," he chuckled. One class left New York going west and came back to New York from the east, circling the world and covering 30,000 air miles. Two additional trips brought that year's total to 55,000 miles.

"In the '80s, the theme was globalization of education. We wanted to give students a stronger global experience by taking them on trips outside the classroom and outside the country," Reitz said. "BCC Professor Dick Romano, International Studies coordinator, really pioneered the idea of doing short courses abroad. He told us we could take students anywhere in the world as long as it all ran in the black. So, I thought I'd try a tropical ecology course. I took students to Saint Croix one January, and ended up doing it for 12 years."

Reitz slowly branched out to other regions around the world. "For 5 years we went on safaris in Africa, for 6 years we took trips to Australia, and we took 3 classes aboard ships that traveled the Galapagos Islands. Through it all, we always ran in the black. We never lost money for the College. Best of all, these in-depth trips were half the price of what you'd pay a travel agent for a standard vacation package, yet we had all the amenities of a very expensive



Elliott Reitz does a little campus "off-roading" for the camera, in his 1929 Indy racecar.

trip, while studying the plants and animals of the region. Lectures were in the field."

Outside the classroom, Reitz's interests range from photography and wildlife observation to vintage car racing and working with heavy equipment. His passion for restoring, re-building, and racing vintage racing cars has led him and his wife on a number of adventures. They have taken part six times in the Great American Race. In 1995, the BCC logo traveled with them, on the side of their 1929 Indy racer, over 7000 miles. During the fifteen-day journey, BCC alumni and former faculty members met them at preplanned pit stops along the way from Canada to Mexico City.

"It was like a traveling circus," Reitz recalled. "In most races there were 100 race cars, 200 drivers and navigators, and 200 support or pit crew members."

"We would all meet in a pre-determined city one night, and then see each other again two or three states away the next night, and so on. By the end of the trip we knew almost everyone. I was often referred to as 'the Road Scholar' or 'The Professor' by the announcer at each night's finish line. Although our team could have won as much as \$250,000 a race, we never won more than a few thousand dollars each year. But this helped to cover the \$10,000 entry fee for the car."

In '95, the antique racers overnights in Binghamton. "It was a really big event. There were 35,000 people waiting for us to arrive in downtown Binghamton – the largest number of people gathered downtown since the end of World War II."

Out of 120 cars beginning the trek from Ottawa in '95,

Reitz and his navigator Judy were nineteenth among only 82 who succeeded in crossing the finish line in Mexico City.

"These cars are prone to breakdowns. You really have to think ahead. You have to know what is likely to break," Reitz said. "Thankfully, I knew a lot about motors when I got into this."

However, breakdowns aren't the only concern. "The first day of our first year was a real adventure. Understand, these cars have open cockpits and no fenders," he explained. "A bumblebee hit me in the face, and crawled around inside the car. We didn't dare stop during the race to get him out. Then, a huge grasshopper smashed onto my goggles. Then I got hit in the face by a bird! Later it started raining, so we just had to sit in water for the rest of the day. The rain turned to hail, and a big chunk smacked me in the face, splitting my lip. Finally, the sun came out and burned us to a crisp. Luckily, not all days are like that."

None of these mishaps stopped Reitz from getting back into the driver's seat. "I still have the car," he said. "I'll start this winter refurbishing it, adding a new suspension, rear end tires, and I'll be back at it."

Through all his adventures, his greatest sense of accomplishment still comes from teaching. "I know at least one person at each nursing station, at each hospital in the area. I hope I don't ever have to go in for something too personal," he jokes. "Eight of my students have become MDs, and many have gone on to teach. Most of the Nursing faculty at BCC were my students. You know, it really does all begin here... this is where it started for a lot of very good people."





Sergeant Ed Munson assists BCC intern Laura Willett on the firing range at Binghamton Police headquarters.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS ON THE JOB

For BCC student Laura Willett, 19, of Vestal, part of her criminal justice curriculum has meant occasionally donning a bullet-proof vest, and climbing into a Binghamton police car for a ride along. Though traditional classes are a large part of her preparation for a professional career, she and other criminal justice majors are encouraged to get involved with a number of off-campus programs and work opportunities. The goal is to gather real-world experiences that provide a detailed picture of a career in public safety.

"We want our students to learn what it's like to be in the community and work with people," said BCC Professor and Criminal Justice Chairperson Greg Talley. "They need to be able to put theory into practice."

BCC Criminal Justice graduates have gone on to policing careers at the county, state and federal levels. The program continues to grow, with over 200 students currently enrolled.

"Many are fresh out of high school," Talley said. "This was not always the case. A decade ago, many of our students were already involved in public safety, and some were already officers. Because today's typical student is younger, we now encourage them to take part in some type of preparatory activity, and approximately three quarters of them do. It helps them to be sure that this is the right career for them."

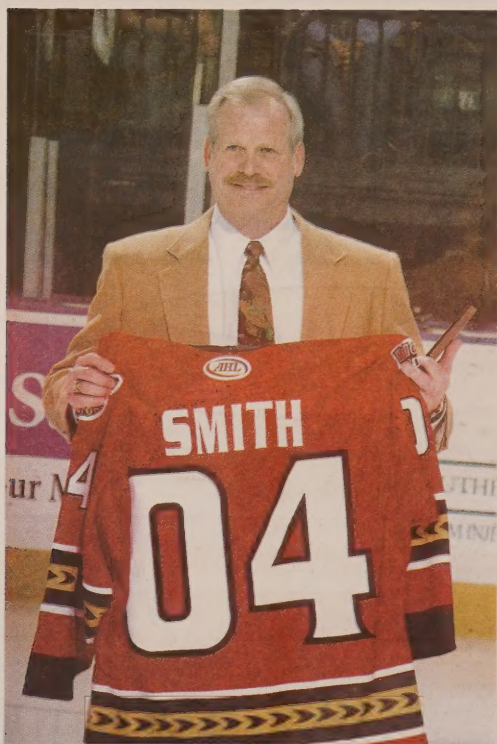
Talley believes it is important for students to make connections with people currently working in the field. "We like them to work side by side with those who are already out there, to learn something about the culture of the organizations."

Many students get involved in public safety activities early in their college careers, and some begin even in high school. "I've helped out at BU directing traffic, done multiple ride-alongs with the Binghamton and Vestal police, and even volunteered to help fingerprint children with the Masons," said Laura Willett.

Willett is currently interning with the Binghamton Police Department, and is two semesters from graduation. The internship will provide her with a variety of on-the-job experience.

"We'll throw a bulletproof vest on her and send her out on ride-alongs," explained Sergeant Terrance Reagan of the Binghamton Crime Prevention Bureau. "She'll also help us with grant work, filing, and anything we might need. She'll be part of the gang."

Participating in these activities has already helped Willett in a number of ways. "I was really nervous during those first ride-alongs, but all of this has really given me insight into my future," Laura said. "Part of the reason I'm doing this is that I want to work right here in Binghamton, but it also gives me a chance to see exactly what I may be doing for the rest of my life."



Assistant Athletic Director and athletic trainer Jon Smith proudly displays his Hall of Fame jersey prior to a Binghamton Senators game.

BCC'S JON SMITH ENTERS HALL OF FAME

Jon Smith, BCC's Assistant Athletic Director and Athletic Trainer, was recently inducted into the Binghamton Hockey Hall of Fame. Smith served as medical trainer for 12 seasons with the Binghamton Whalers and Rangers in the American Hockey League. He is the first certified athletic trainer in the Hall of Fame.



PTK advisors Bruce Oldfield (far left) and Anna Halligan (far right) flank two student award recipients, Joelle Utter (left, next to Oldfield) and Jennifer Banach (right, next to Halligan).

BCC STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS HONORED

During the spring semester, Joelle Utter and Deborah Kish were nominated by BCC for the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society All-USA Academic Team, and they secured positions on the All-New York Academic Third Team. Utter and Kish traveled with their parents and Phi Theta Kappa advisors to Albany, where they were awarded the honor by SUNY Chancellor Robert L. King. The two competed against students in other community colleges throughout the United States. All-USA Academic Team students are recognized for their leadership and service to the college and community, in addition to consistent academic excellence.

Later that same day, three BCC students were awarded the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, again by SUNY Chancellor Robert L. King. Jennifer Banach, Sean Kelly, and Joelle Utter received this prestigious award. The students were nominated by BCC Interim President Helen C. Veres, based on their service to BCC and commitment to academic excellence.

BCC's Mu Eta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society also received two awards at the International Convention in Minneapolis MN, in April. The chapter earned the distinction of being listed as one of the top 100 out of 1200 chapters by fulfilling activities dealing with scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship. Determination of this award is based on a total score earned by the chapter, rather than on individual distinctions. This honor indicates the high level of team work exhibited by the officers and members of the chapter.

BCC Professor Anna Halligan won the Paragon Award for advisors, for her dedication to the chapter. She was nominated by BCC PTK students for this award, because of her guidance and contributions to chapter activities. Students cited her positive influence, thoughtful encouragement and inspiring attitude towards student development. Phi Theta Kappa International recognized her contribution to the international and state organizations by serving as a Seminar Leader at the International Honors Institute in June 2003 and her use of the National Collegiate Honors Council/Phi Theta Kappa Satellite Seminar Series as an honors course at BCC.



BCC Athletic Director Dan Minch, BCC student athlete Marcy Lilley, SUNY Chancellor Robert L. King and USA Today's Cami Nowe.

BCC SCHOLAR-ATHLETE HONORED BY SUNY CHANCELLOR

State University of New York Chancellor Robert L. King recognized the State University's most outstanding student-athletes with the Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award. Winner's included BCC student Marcy Lilley. In all, 57 students from 26 State University campuses who competed in 27 different sports with a collective grade point average of 3.6 were honored. The Award is sponsored by USA TODAY.

The Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award recognizes a combination of academic excellence and outstanding athletic achievement. The awards were presented at a ceremony at State University Plaza in Albany.

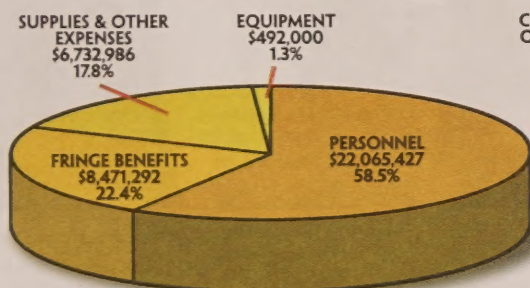
STUDENTS JAM WITH RUSTED ROOT'S JIM DONOVAN

Jim Donovan, a current and founding member of the multi-platinum band Rusted Root, recently brought his Interactive Drumming Experience to BCC. Students and faculty were guided through a series of steps designed to help them learn the basics of hand drumming, musicianship and group dynamics through drumming. The Interactive Drumming Experience workshop focuses on strengthening listening skills, creative expression and relaxation.



BCC BY THE NUMBERS

2003-04 BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS

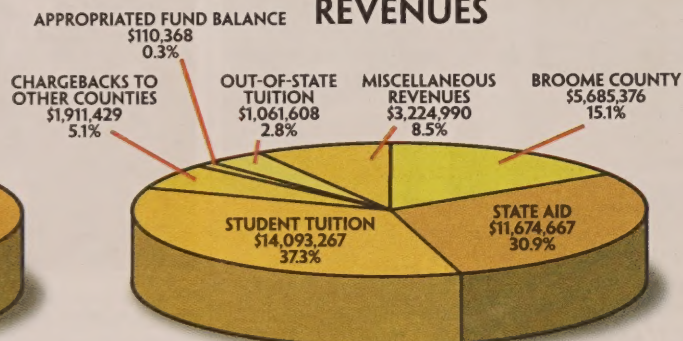


STUDENT HEADCOUNT

as of end of 3rd week of classes, September 2003

FULL-TIME.....	4,132
PART-TIME.....	1,846
TOTAL.....	5,978

2003-04 BUDGETED REVENUES



• PHOTO HIGHLIGHT •



ICE SKATING ENTERS THE CURRICULUM

At left, students in BCC's credit ice skating class take their first steps in the Ice Center rink.

Left to right: Matthew Curtis, Greene NY, Liberal Arts major; Erika Winsor, Greene NY, Liberal Arts major; Dana Zietz, Harpursville NY, Liberal Arts major; Instructor Joseph Gwizdaloski

WINNING: IT'S A BROOME TRADITION!



BCC'S ONDRAKO CAPTURES NATIONAL TITLE!

Colleen Ondrako, a freshman, became the first BCC athlete, male or female, to win a National Division III Championship with her victory in the fifth flight singles at the NJCAA Women's Tennis

Tournament, held at Texas A&M University. Ondrako's victory came in straight sets 7-5, 6-3. The BCC women's tennis team was competing in their first national championship since the re-instating of the program in Fall 2001. Under coach Reeta Hayes, the team captured the NJCAA Division III Regional championship in the fall of 2003 to earn the trip to Texas. Other team members included Rachel and Jessica Kollar, Erin Drobny, Danielle Mauro, Tina Bianco, Kristina Berry and Kara Kellett.

SPRING 2004

Softball

The BCC women's softball team started the 2004 season by posting 12 straight wins. They were unable to sustain the streak, but still finished the season with a very respectable 18-11 record. The Lady Hornets finished fourth in the Region III playoffs. A number of BCC players were honored with All-Region and All-Conference selections.

Theresa Newberry was selected 1st team All-Region while teammates Jen Brink, Angela Caro and Katie Desimone garnered 2nd team honors. The Mid-State Athletic Conference (MSAC) selected Kristin Merrill, Kim Wood, Katie Desimone and Stephanie Cola to the All-Conference team.

Tennis

The men's tennis team posted an overall record of 5-2 for the 2004 season. The Hornets captured the second place trophy at the Regional Tournament. BCC standouts included Dan Rhodes, Sun Vo, Joe Albrechta, Ben Loughridge, Alex Marks, Jason Pallady, Derrick Serbonich, Brendon Sullivan and Austin Taylor. Coach Tom Carter has done an outstanding job over the past five years. His record is a very respectable 23-13-1.

Golf

The Hornets men's golf team finished first at the Mid-State Athletic Conference Match. Led by Matt Fisher, Justin Clark, Adam Hammond, Jesse Smith, Jim Nugent and Matt Bechtel the team qualified for the Regional Tournament. Matt Fisher emerged from the tournament with All-Conference honors, as well as a trip to the NJCAA National Tournament.

Baseball

The BCC baseball team compiled a fine 15-14 Region III Div. III team record under third year head Coach Brett Carter. The team continued to improve throughout the season and qualified for the eighth seed in the Regional Tournament. Unfortunately, the Hornets came up on the short end of a 4-3 game, losing to the number one seed Hudson Valley CC. Several players were named to the All-Region and MSAC teams. Pat Reardon was named to both the All-Region and All-Conference teams. Khalid Afify and Jon Ruminski joined Reardon on the All-MSAC team.

Lacrosse

The Hornet stickmen bounced back from a down season in 2003. Under first-year head coach Ted Hust, BCC finished with a very respectable 7-5 record, just missing a playoff spot. Three Hornet players were named to the Mid-State Athletic Conference All-Conference Team. Dan Deemie, Mike Schanz, and Dan Wescott were honored for their outstanding play. Coach Hust enjoyed his first season at the helm of the Hornets' program and is looking forward to Spring 2005.

WINTER 2003-04

Women's Basketball

Coach Mike Huggler's Lady Hornets finished the season with a 16-12 overall record. The team qualified for both the MSAC and Region III tournaments. Marcy Lilley was named "Player of the Year" in both the MSAC and Region III. She became the first women's basketball player at BCC to be named 1st Team NJCAA All-American at the Division III level. Marcy

also broke the 1000 points scored barrier for her two years at BCC. Teammate Amy Dodd joined Marcy on the All-MSAC team. Coach Huggler is looking to continue building a successful program in 2004-05.

Men's Basketball

"Excitement" describes the 2003-04 BCC men's basketball season. The Hornets finished the regular season with an overall 13-13 record. Coach King's team qualified for the MSAC and the Region III tournaments. Tyler Springer and Jaison Jones were named All Conference in the Mid-State Athletic Conference. Springer also was awarded All Region honors. Coach King is looking forward to next year and has been busy recruiting to improve on an already successful program.

Ice Hockey

The BCC icemen played hard and furious throughout the season. Their record was not an accurate account of their play. First-year head coach Tom Colasanto saw his team continually improve throughout the year. His players never quit and provided their fans with some exciting play. Coach Colasanto and his assistant Patrick Collins are working very hard at recruiting to continue improving the BCC program.

FALL 2003

Women's Volleyball

Coach Dawn Kenyon saw her team post an overall 19-win 12-loss season in 2003. The Lady Hornets had a number of outstanding performances, especially from Trisha Brooks. Brooks along with teammates Krista Newman and Melanie Davis garnered All Conference and All Region honors.



Men's/Women's Cross Country

Longtime head coach Tom Carter's harriers continued to improve as the season progressed. Derek Schreiber, Brendan Sullivan, Andre Massena, Jeff Hoover, Jevon Hill, Scott Tompkins and Ian Carper made up the men's team. Jessica Cross, Tanya Young, Sarah Glovasky, Mel-loney Soutiere, Catherine Petrus and Stephanie Hayes competed on the women's team. Coach Carter was pleasantly surprised by his teams' overall performances.

Men's Soccer

The BCC men's soccer team captured the Mid-State Athletic Conference Championship and posted a remarkable 17-2-1 record. Coach Al La-Barbera was named Mid-State Athletic Conference "Coach of the Year." The BCC booters were led by 1st Team NJCAA All-American Zach Manning and 2nd team All-American Nick Bunnell. Manning, Ryan Marasco and Ryan Forsberg were named to the All-MSAC team. Nick Bunnell and Manning grabbed All-Region honors.

Women's Soccer

The BCC women's soccer team captured their sixth straight Mid-State Athletic Conference Championship and posted a 16-2-1 season. Second-year standout Paige Rosenbarker led the Hornets and was named to the NJCAA All-American Team, as well as the All-MSAC and All-Region teams. Teammates Stacey Lee McKown, Ashlee Prusik, and Melissa Tabeek were also All-Region or All-MSAC.

BCC Athletes Honored

Two BCC athletes were among the 57 students recognized by State University Chancellor Robert L. King with the Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award. Marcy Lilley, women's basketball and Erin Drobny from women's tennis were selected because of their academic excellence and outstanding athletic achievements (see pg. 4).

In 2003-04, more than 210 athletes competed in 14 varsity sports and cheerleading at BCC. The athletes were also winners off the field, supporting other college and community activities such as the annual "Giving of the Toys."





THE PINK PANTHER STRIKES AGAIN!

The BCC Theater Department's spring production of *The Pink Panther Strikes Again* garnered full houses for all four performances. More than 700 people attended the performances.

Based on the classic 1976 cult film by Blake Edwards and Frank Waldman, starring Peter Sellers in the role of the bumbling Inspector Jacques Clouseau, the play is filled with slapstick.

The plotline? The world's clumsiest inspector fights for his life, and for that of all mankind. His long-suffering boss, who has been driven mad by Clouseau's undeserved success, gains access to a Doomsday machine and threatens to use it against the world unless Clouseau is killed. In his characteristically blissful state, Clouseau slips by every attack and assassin sent to destroy him.

The production featured sixteen local student actors, led by Aundre Seals as Clouseau, and Brian Troy as his tortured boss. BCC's theater director is Katherine Bacon.

TUGBOAT COUPLE FUNDS THEATER SCHOLARSHIP

When Diana Roberts returned to BCC as a non-traditional student, she was uneasy about being an older student in classes with teenagers. But those same teenagers touched her heart and motivated her to begin giving back to BCC – even before she had graduated.

Drawing on her lifelong involvement in community theater, Roberts chose BCC's theater program as “a good way to ease back into school, doing something I was comfortable with.”

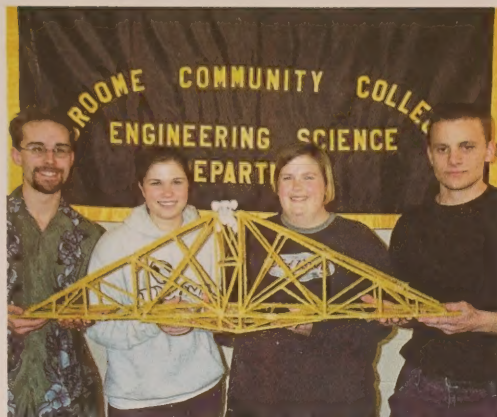
“As I got involved with my fellow students, I found out that a lot didn't have enough money to go on with their educations,” she said. When she discovered that the Theater department had less scholarship support than many other departments, she and her husband Jerry decided to fund the Pellegrino-Marine Theater Scholarships.

The Robertses own Pellegrino Marine, a construction and demolition company based in Kirkwood, NY and Astor, FL. They specialize in building docks and river crossings, and underwater salvage operations, often using the tugboat *Shad*.

To fund the scholarship, last fall they brought the *Shad* to the annual Tugboat Roundup in Waterford, NY, giving tours of the boat and collecting money in a jar labeled “Tug for the Arts.” Money they collected went towards the payment of the first scholarships at \$500 and \$1,000 apiece. “It really felt good,” Diana said.



Jerry Roberts prepares to do a salvage dive from the tugboat *Shad*. Donations from tours of the tugboat helped fund the BCC theater scholarship he and his wife Diana, a BCC student, established.



Left to Right: Matt Gibbons, Katie Kowalewski, Sara Condit, Tim Bolender

BCC ENGINEERING STUDENTS TAKE FIRST PLACE

In February, BU hosted the third annual Spaghetti Bridge Competition. Engineering Science student teams from BCC finished in first and third place.

Teams had three hours to construct bridges of spaghetti spanning one meter in length. The winning bridge held a load of more than sixteen and one quarter pounds, more than five times its weight.

The third place bridge held eight and one pounds and was built by David Subik, Matthew Hwalek, Chris Aingworth and Jonathan Oxx.

Congratulations to all the winners.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S FAIR AT BCC

Every spring BCC's education/early childhood students join with the Binghamton Association for the Education of Young Children to sponsor a community Children's Fair on the BCC campus. Student and community agencies plan activities, create displays, organize children's performances, and provide a nutritious children's buffet. All of these activities are offered at a very reasonable price. The fair gives BCC students a chance to “practice” on real children and to serve the community along with professionals in the field. This spring's fair was BCC's 24th.



LEE BURTON HERZOG '61: RISING ABOVE IT ALL

Lee Burton Herzog ('61 ET) has risen to great heights in his career since he graduated from Broome, and he has carried a bit of the BCC legacy along with him.

Herzog designs window-washing equipment for the world's tallest buildings. When the new World Trade Center replacement – the Freedom Tower – is completed, it will be the world's tallest building, and it will include Herzog's window washing equipment in its infrastructure.

This equipment is not to be confused with sponges and squeegees, but equipment that is incorporated into the architecture of the building and is designed during the building's construction; the equipment might have a boom length of 90 feet and weigh 60,000 pounds.

While looking for a new name that would project the company's products in a strong, convincing way, he recalled the name of the Broome Tech yearbook; Citadel Systems, Inc was born. Later, in his next role at a different company, he named a new division Citadel Consulting, Inc to reflect his BCC background.

Lee Burton Herzog has designed the window washing equipment on hundreds of projects including buildings in Beijing, Seoul, Singapore, Paris, London and Istanbul. He travels to these exotic destinations to do the final testing on his designs. He admits that "the amount of travel takes me away from my family and friends for long periods of time," but he enjoys meeting professional people from different world cultures.



From high atop a building in Hong Kong, Lee Herzog '61 (right) and associate inspect the window washing equipment he designed.

ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

1960s

Dan Blanchard '64 is a self-employed real estate broker for Canandaigua Lake, NY and the surrounding area. He retired from Frontier Communications and is part owner of the Secret Harbour Beach Resort.

Donald Maddock '64 will soon retire as owner of Diamond Plumbing of Monroe County, Inc. in Rochester, NY. He and his wife plan to travel the U.S. before settling down.

After receiving Bachelor's degrees in Business Administration and Psychology and Master's Degrees in both disciplines, **Edwin M. Dufur '68** retired from the G.E. Research and Development Center in 1994, after 41.5 years of service. He now plays golf and baby-sits his grandson.

John Butchko '68, after 36 years as an Associate Professor of Communications at BCC, has retired, and wishes all his former students the best. He is moving on to new challenges and new projects in retirement.

Martin Ruckley '68 was recently appointed CEO of Clean Coal Power Resources, Inc. of Louisville, KY.

1970s

Lucy Blanco Hiffner '70 has received an award from the Dental Hygienist Assoc. of the State of New York for Outstanding Contribution to the Community for planning and implementing the Tioga Smiles Mobile Dental Office. She recently accepted a position with Lourdes Hospital as the Oral Health Program Manager to establish a dental clinic for children and their families.

Tom Whittaker '70 is currently the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for Chenango County and has just been appointed to the PERMA Board of Directors. He has served as a member of the PERMA Safety Advisory Committee for several years.

David P. Powell '71 is president of D.P. Mechanical Systems, Inc., a firm that designs and installs industrial air pollution control and recycling systems for companies throughout the northeast U.S.

Deborah C. Halpin-Brophy '72 was re-elected to a third term as Borough Councilwoman for Mt. Holly Springs.

Steve Burghardt '73 and wife Linda were honored by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Jan. 10 at their annual convention as the "Junior Hockey Award" winners for their work in establishing and running the Whitney Point Youth Club Field Hockey. Since its start in 1990, Whitney Point has made it to the final four in State Finals for 7 times the last 9 years.

Gerald William Norton '73 retired from the Broome County Sheriff's Office in August '78 and moved to Florida in January '79. He is a volunteer driver for the "Lighthouse for the Blind" in Port Richey, FL, and acting in community theater in Newport Richey and Tarpon Springs. Most recently, he performed in the musical "Zorba." He also directs his church choir.

Peggy James Winkler '76 is the administrative assistant to the Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Environmental Health and Safety at Washington University in St. Louis. She also has a home-based internet business and 3 sons: Michael (18) Tom (16) and Bobby (23).

1980s

Valerie Mahar '85 was recently named Associate Vice President of Community and Corporate Affairs - Director of the Emerging Technology Center of the New Hampshire Community Technical College in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She received a B.S. from SUNY Binghamton and an mEd from Boston University.

Mike Miklos '86 is between jobs and looking to move to Ohio, Maryland, North Carolina or Florida.

Sean Monahan '89 was recently promoted to Detective Sergeant of the Bradenton, Florida Police Department. He is also part owner of a nursing agency, licensed by the state of Florida, run by his wife of 10 years, Teresa (Liberati).

1990s

Isabelle Jahn '93 has been employed as a nursing home social worker (social services) at The Waters of Endicott since 2001.

Kay Zaharis '95 was appointed Director of the Cortland Free Library in August 2003.

Danielle J. Kane '96 received her Masters in Education from SUNY Oneonta in May 2002. She works at Ridley Lowell and Career Choices Unlimited. She is engaged to be married to Kenneth Palmer on October 14 this year.

2000s

Amie Almy '00 has been employed as a financial advisor at Lesko Financial Services for four years. She bought her first house in March 2003, and is attending Binghamton University part-time and working toward a Bachelors Degree in business management.

Jeffrey Balcom '01 received his BS in Management and technology from RPI in May 2003 and is now pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree at College of Saint Rose in Albany. He is doing research in the areas of organizational behavior and development, Myers-Briggs Type Indicator personalities and leadership styles. He was married June 26, 2004 to former BCC academic advisor Emily Bologna.

Seth Cowen '00 was selected as a 2003 Class Marshall at Syracuse University, based on his academic achievement, class leadership, and campus and community service. He graduated from there in Business Professional Studies and Organizational Leadership. He is currently employed by Maxim Healthcare in New Haven, CT and was recently promoted to Senior Healthcare Recruiter.

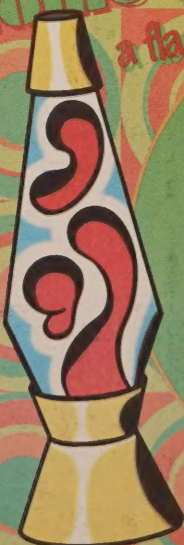
IN MEMORIAM

Larry Kicinski '69 died March 2, 2004 in Windsor, CT. He had been employed at the Unisource Paper Distributing Co for 32 years and was a veteran of the U.S. Army-Vietnam Conflict.

Share your news! Send a note to the BCC Alumni Office, Wales 211, PO Box 1017, Binghamton, NY 13902 or submit it online at www.sunybroome.edu/~alumni

ALUMNI: DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!

Homecoming 2004: a flash back to the 1970s



- 9-1 p.m. Antique, Classic and Cool Car Show, featuring red 1978 Ferrari 308 GTB
- 10 a.m. Guided nature walk on new trails on the back of campus
- 10-noon Children's activities
- 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Campus tours: See new additions, old haunts, and a slice of the campus from the 70's
- 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Geocaching: use GPS equipment to find some campus treasures
- 11:30-1 p.m. Pizza with the President: Come meet Dr. Spraggs, BCC's new president
- 1 p.m. Alumni Soccer Game
- 1:30-2:45 Open Ice Skating: an activity for all ages
- 3 p.m. Alumni Hockey Game
- 3 p.m. Amazing Improv Dads: Interactive family entertainment, featuring the grab bag game show

- 5:00 p.m. Alumni Barbecue
- Presentation of Distinguished Alumni Awards
- Music by The Stoutmen, an Irish acoustic band led by Sean Walsh ('88)
- Vaudeville Acts by Angelo Zuccolo, Francis Battisti, and John Butchko
- Alumni tribute to BCC faculty
- 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. 70's dance party with the group Splash

Registration deadline is September 18 (postmarked). Cost is \$12/person.

"Six-pack" of registrations (six people signing up together - family, friends or classmates) \$55

Early registration (postmarked by September 1) \$9/person. "Six-pack" \$45.

To register, send check and list of attendees to BCC Alumni Affairs, PO Box 1017 Binghamton, NY 13902. For complete details, go online at www.sunybroome.edu/~alumni

Saturday, October 2

978 CELEBRATE GRADUATION AT BCC'S 56TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

The 56th Graduation was held on May 21, 2004 at the Broome County Veterans' Memorial Arena.

The class of 2004 celebrated by filling the air with balloons, beach balls, and soap bubbles, while joyful friends and family members cheered them on.

BCC music student Amanda Mardirosian gave a stirring performance of *The Star Spangled Banner*, and BC Celtic Pipes and Drums led the recessional march.

Commencement speakers included BCC Student Assembly President Marie Prentice, Interim College President Dr. Helen C. Veres, and Dr. James E. Lee, Executive Director of the Roberson Museum and Science Center.

Degree Program Statistics for the Class of 2004

- Business programs: 105 male, 139 female: 244 total
- Liberal Arts: 155 male, 299 female: 454 total
- Engineering, Technology: 97 male, 27 female: 124 total
- Health Sciences: 29 male, 127 female: 156 total

Gender totals: 386 male, 592 female

Graduates' age ranges were:

- 5 candidates ages 60-69
- 153 candidates ages 40-59
- 361 candidates ages 23-39
- 459 candidates under 23 years old

33 of the graduates are non-US citizens, and represent 19 different countries.

Congratulations to all!



VIRTUAL COMMUNITY, CONT. FROM PG. 1

- **Calendars** - Students can view calendars related to their individual courses and clubs. A personalized calendar combines all this information in one location, and allows the student to add and delete items.
- **Campus Life** - Students can view details on campus events, participate in interactive polls and surveys, and access club news and notes.
- **Groups** - The Groups area provides the opportunity to join "virtual versions" of BCC clubs and organizations. Each online club has chat, message boards, and photo galleries that are exclusive to that group. Students can be delegated specific "rights" that allow them to manage various portions of the web page, from creating new message board topics to uploading new image galleries. Joining a group online gives students a chance to participate in club activities remotely, without having to attend on-campus meetings. One example of a *BCC Today* group is the Rideshare Program - which allows students to communicate with other commuters by posting messages on ride boards. A designated board

exists for each town.

- **Web Life** - Links to a variety of information from across the web are gathered here. Categories include music and entertainment, sports, travel, special discounts, money and finance, government and politics, study and information tools, and career resources.

Faculty can also make use of *BCC Today* to communicate with their students outside the classroom. Every student enrolled in a class at BCC is automatically given access to a corresponding "course page" in the "My Courses" area of *BCC Today*. These pages can be managed by the professor, and filled with information on resources and coursework. Students can also use these pages to post questions to their classmates and chat about assignments.

BCC Today allows a commuter campus to behave "residentially." Students may not live online, but they certainly have found a lot of life there.

Want to see *BCC Today* in action for yourself? Visit bctoday.sunybroome.edu and login as "guest".

NEW PRESIDENT, CONT. FROM PG. 1

his doctorate in biology at Idaho State University. Dr. Spraggs received numerous awards in recognition of his teaching, including a National Science Foundation Aquatic Ecology Fellowship, the President Hodson Award for Distinguished Service awarded by North Country Community College, and the Kodak International Award of Merit in Photography.

At the state and national level, Dr. Spraggs has served as a member of numerous professional associations, including the Colorado Alliance for Science, Higher Education Council, National Environmental Training Association, League for Innovation in the Community College, National Association of Biology Teachers, Lake Placid Center for the Arts, Board of Trustees and Partnership for Environmental Technology Education. He has published and presented on biology, math and science education, organizational transformation, learning, and assessment.

"I am very pleased the Board has selected Laurence Spraggs to be the permanent president of Broome Community College," said SUNY Board of Trustees Chairman Thomas F. Egan. "The experience gained from his long, successful, and distinguished career in community college administration will be an invaluable asset as he leads the campus to new levels of excellence."

"The confidence the Chancellor and the SUNY Board of Trustees have in my ability to lead Broome Community College is very gratifying," said Spraggs. "I will do my best to take BCC to a level of excellence that will prove this trust well founded."

Dr. Spraggs feels that community colleges allow people to take control of their lives through education. In 1969 he taught math and English skills to adults at the Detroit Urban Adult Institute. In the midst of the civil rights movement, he was one of the few white staff members instructing mostly black students.

"It was wonderful," he said, "the idea of giving people the chance through education to make something out of their lives. It was one of those times your mind just focuses."

Dr. Spraggs is excited about taking the top position at BCC. "At this point in my career, I have an idea of what works and what doesn't, and I've always been pretty creative," he said. "Put me together with a creative staff and we can do some significant things."

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